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A Lift For Lamu

Italian Christmas Gift For Malindi!

SEVEN MILLION SHILLING BOOST FOR LOCAL HOSPITAL

THE MALINDI District Hospital is expected to benefit from a Shs. seven million expansion and rehabilitation programme initiated by the Rotary Club of Di Cento in Italy, according to leading artist and industrialist Mr. Guilio Bargellini.

For major donations of drugs worth more than Shs. 800,000 annually is coordinating the donations for the project.

Mr. Bargellini was handing over an Audiometer, worth Shs. 600,000 to the Malindi District consultant paediatrician Dr. Anisa Omar.

It will be utilised to detect degree of deafness among patients.

Mr. Bargellini also confirmed that an Italian ear specialist had agreed to visit Malindi to operate on patients and offer other complex treatments.

The Audiometer will first be used at Kibarani School for the Deaf in Kilifi which has been receiving

great assistance from Rotary clubs of Italy under the coordination of Mr. Bargellini.

Dr. Anisa said that the results of tests carried out to all the 120 students at Kibarani school will be sent to the Italian specialist so that during his tour of Kenya arrangements will have done for those who require surgery treatment of hearing aids to meet him.

The chairman of the Malindi Rotary Medical Committee through which fair distribution of donations from Italy are managed Mr. Detlef Frerich said that for the last three months, Mr. Bargellini had ensured donations amounting to more than Shs. 200,000 to the school.

Presently Mr. Bargellini is organising a programme through which all the 120 students at the school, most of them drawn from poor families could be linked to foster parents who are ready to sponsor their education.

Mr. Detlef commended the Malindi Municipal Council and the local customs department in Mombasa for clearing most of the donations free of charge.

Mr. Detlef a Rotarian said that future plans for the committee was to expand distribution of medicine and equipment to rural health centres when health facilities are scarcely distributed.

Dr. Anisa said the Audiometer is the first of its type in Malindi and may be the entire coast and will play an important role in detecting hearing defects among patients at Malindi District hospital.

The Doctor has been allowed to charge a small fee to patients to raise funds for its maintenance.

HELPING LIFT the depression in tourism on the Kenya Coast is the "Romanic Hotels" Group - which continues to develop and expand its numerous enterprises.

It now embraces not only the exclusive *Chale Island Paradise* on Kenya's south coast, but *Lamu Palace Hotel* on historic Lamu Island - its Stone Town (circa 18th century) being a living monument to Kenya's rich and varied history and culture.

The Lamu Archipelago, comprising a group of offshore islands - Lamu, Manda and Pate appear to be the cradle of the Swahili language and civilisation, two of the earliest known settlements being Manda and Shanga (8th century).

There are also Pate and Lamu Town (9th century), Siyu, Faza, Tundwa, Kizingitini, Mwajumwale, Mnyabogi and others.

The New *Lamu Palace Hotel* is situated on Lamu Island's long and interesting quayside along which are

Special Report by WETA PEAL

the District Commissioner's Office, Lamu Museum (among its interesting exhibits being two huge Siwa Horns (circa 1700) one in brass and the other in ivory used only on very important ceremonial occasions in the past.

There is also a Donkey Protection Trust, a registered charity in Sidmouth, Devon, UK.

It is a feeding and watering centre where sick donkeys are treated.

Lamu, because of her

TURN TO PAGE TEN

Home For Christmas



REFUGEE MOTHER Rose and her infant son, saved from the recent Likoni arson attacks, has been able to return safely to her home in Lodwar, North Eastern Province, thanks to the generosity of Mombasa Pwani Lions Ladies' Auxiliary Committee, who helped raise K. Shs. 40,000/- in aid of travel assistance for some 30 refugee women and children camping at the Mombasa Holy Ghost Cathedral.

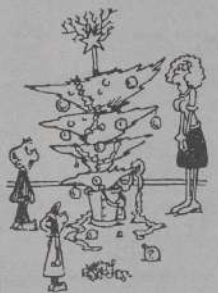
DRUGS AND EQUIPMENT

He promised that the committee which also brings together three Doctors, including Dr. Anisa and Dr. Bernard Abwoga, the Malindi District MOH would continue to be fair and transparent in distribution of drugs and donated equipment from Italy.

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CONVERGING ON *Nyali Beach Holiday Resort* on Jamhuri Day were people from 'all walks of life' as they say in Mombasa and from all areas of the world - Paris, Cameroon and even Guadalupe.

Another Mombasa phrase, in the form of a question, is "where do you stay?" When in reality the enquirer means "Where do you live?"

To both these questions there is but one answer - *Nyali Beach Holiday Resort*, writes ELAINE.

This is because there you will find permanent residents, expatriates on two-year contracts who opt for the resort as opposed to a company house, day tripping young families, old-timers who use the place as their local pub, tourists who walk safely up the beach to be greeted with a "Karibu" from the beach askari, swimmers who come for the day from Kibokoni, landlocked Haile Selassie Avenue and even others with their luggage transferring from formal north coast hotels.

These last were tucking into a lunch at the Mandap Restaurant at 5.00 p.m.)

Pity it took us more than 300 days of this year to realise that there was such a relaxing place less than four kilometres North of the bridge.

Despite being spotlessly clean and only employing two shamba-boys to man the 2.5 acre neat gardens, there are no rigid rules as found in hotels.

You can partake of "Happy Hour" in T-shirt and kikoi, as most did.

Drink prices come under a cheap category even when not during happy hour, being roughly 40-55

per cent less than a five star hotel. For beer-sippers who like to retain the icy-ness we noticed it was in a bottle cooler.

Anything goes to make you comfortable here.

Barman is Alex (Ex-Tamarind) and his very energetic assistant is Effie.

Food at the bar during *Happy Hour* was Fallerer or, Pizza and salad, but you don't have to restrict yourself, and Effie was running round getting children's favourites like burgers and chips from the "Mandap".

If you don't like the sea there is a double option of the pool.

For adults and strong swimmers there is a 10' deep crystal clear pool with springboard.

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though we noticed individual aerials above residents rooms.

Mandap Restaurant Menu

After the assortment of soups and starters there is a comprehensive selection of Fish and Sea Food for prices much less than on the Island.

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Block's Beautiful Big Brochure ...

ABRAHAM Lazarus Block pawned his watch to buy a plot of prime real estate in the fledgling railway town of Nairobi.

Twenty three years later he bought The Norfolk in exchange for the plot and Block Hotels dynasty was up and running.

This is the opening paragraph of the splendid brochure launched by Block Hotel's Managing Director Mr. Nigel Carpenter during the recent well attended Travel Trade at Nyali Beach Hotel.

The 32 page emerald A4 size brochure with a professional lay out and some of the best photographic works tells the story of Block Hotels - Kenya's leading hotel chain and Africa's oldest hotel group from genesis to date and covers its entire twelve local units.

Mr. Carpenter told travel agents, tour operators and Block Hotel's corporate clients that the 70 year period of which the hotel chain had been in existence had endowed it with a wealth of expertise in the hospitality industry.

"We offer the most efficient reservation in East Africa," he said.

He said the Hotel group have since established central reservations for all its units for the convenience of clients and travel agents.

The MD said the Block Hotels-Kenya Airways package was quite successful and had played a pivotal role in boosting the domestic tourism.

The package which has been running for several weeks has seen several clients enjoy a free two day stay at the group's flagship hotel at the coast - Nyali Beach Hotel and The Indian Ocean Beach Club after flying with Kenya Airways from Nairobi to Mombasa on selected flights at the cost of K.sh.10,770 only.

The package, said Mr. Carpenter had boosted the bed nights both at Nyali and the Indian Ocean Beach Club at the

coast and Landmark in Nairobi considerably.

Mr. Carpenter said Block Hotels today owned over 20 five star hotels and lodges and had expanded to Zimbabwe and South Africa.

The Hotel Millennium in Seychelles, he said, was expected to open by the 1999 and soon the Block hotel will be unsurpassed in the Sub-Sahara Africa.

PROFESSIONAL' GOLD FOR CHRIS MODIGELL



CHRIS MODIGELL, Group General Manager of Alliance Hotels, is seen while being presented with the coveted 'Professionals Gold Award 1997' by Nicholas S. Lawson, managing director of Lawson International, during the recent World Travel Market in London, U.K.

AFTER a few weeks absence, Leigh Bentham, the prolific British-born artist is back at the Nyali Beach Hotel with even more captivating oil paintings.

Leigh's splendid paintings, depicting mainly the Kenya Maasai's lifestyle in their natural habitat, range from beautiful landscape to dusty 'lunar' landscape scarred by scorching equatorial sunshine and grazed by large herds of livestock.

Leigh has high regard for the Nyali Beach Hotel and its management and says it is the place he would want to display and sell his works.

A local art critic once wrote of Leigh as having "managed to capture a certain spirituality in his paintings that many painters

British Artist Exhibits At Nyali

who have lived and worked in Kenya all their lives seem to get for granted."

Leigh is indeed "a strong believer in man's symbolic relationship with nature."

He tries to show this through his paintings, that man and nature can co-exist without a conflict.

Leigh first graced Nyali Beach Hotel's foyers in August this year and for the successive two months was quite an attraction both to the Hotel guests and outside oil painting admirers.

Before coming to Kenya, Leigh had had successful art exhibitions in Britain, Seychelles, United States and Australia.

He recalls an exhibition at the Reef Hotel, in Mahe, Seychelles in March 1972 which coincided with the Royal visit to the Hotel.

"The Hotel management had asked me if I could exhibit my paintings at the hotel, little did I know that the Queen and Prince Phillip were due to visit the islands, and particularly the Hotel. It was quite an occasion."

Leigh holds a folder with press cuttings dating back to early 1970's when he first "hit the artists' trail," up to date, and letters of commendations from various personalities including celebrities who have benefited from his excellent works.

Leigh was born in Bristol, England in 1940.

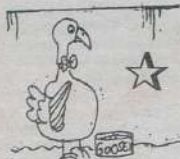
At the age of 17 he migrated to Australia where he lived with the native Aborigines who he relates in some ways to the Masaai and the American Indians of Arizona and New Mexico, where he was greatly impressed and influenced by the people's respect for environment and spiritual energy.



"Never mind how we managed it - get on with the topping out ceremony!"



"It was your bright idea to get a goose and fatten it up for Christmas!"



"Good - that's solved six Christmas presents."



"Last year's party was good, but we had people here then."



"Some people always have to go one better."



"Let's put it another way - what's the second best thing you'd like for Christmas?"



"Of course you can't hear anything - we're singing Silent Night!"



"Christmas cards are here again - it must be time to book the summer holidays."



"I am the ghost of Christmas past."



Najib Balala Meets Dolphin Dhow Crew



ENJOYING A DAY out aboard the Kenya South Coast's popular 'Dolphin Dhow' this week was Najib Balala, chairman of the Mombasa and Coast Tourist Association - who described the experience as 'absolutely first class and fascinating'. Najib (back centre) is seen with (from left) Thierry Rebello, chief dhow captain Wilson Mwamburi, David Slinger and Margery Slinger.

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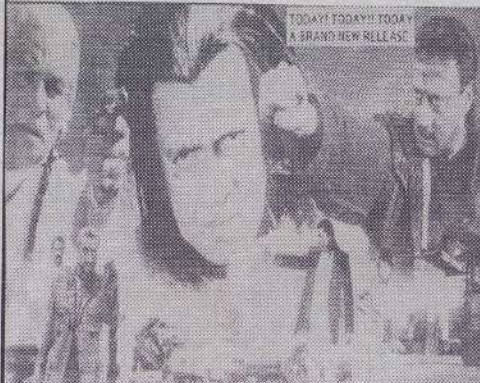
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New Look Mithun With Jackie Shroff And Ramaya In Shapath

MITHUN CHAKRABORTHY sports a totally new look in the latest release at the KENYA CINEMA, *Shapath* showing from today until next week.

Shapath, which means a vow or oath, is a total action film with lots of stunts and thrills and also stars Jackie Shroff, Kader Khan, Gulshan Grover and Ramaya.

From Tuesday, *Cry The Beloved Country* which played to packed crowds last week carries on for another week at the KENYA CINEMA.

It stars the versatile James Earl Jones, Richard Harris and Leleti Khumalo (of *Sarafina*) and the story is based on a classic novel about a South African drama.

At the LOTUS CINEMA, Wesley Snipes fantastic action thriller *Murder at 1600* can be seen for the last day today.

I had witnessed some of the scenes being shot just outside the White House, Washington, last year during the filming of this movie.

The Deadly Females who are trained to kill anyone, anywhere and anytime will entertain on Saturday only.

Romantic And Passionate

The romantic and passionate sexy thriller *Desire* will grace the screen on Sunday for one day only.

Patrons please note that there will be no film showing at the LOTUS CINEMA on Monday.

Indian films will then take over

on Tuesday starting with Action Jackson Akshay Kumar in *Pandaav*.

Shah Rukh Khan's first film *Chamatkar* with the oomph baby Urmila Matondkar (though she had quite a different look then) falls on Wednesday.

It is a light entertaining romantic film with Naseerudin Shah playing a ghost who can

only be seen by Shah Rukh Khan.

The ghost irritates Shah Rukh into doing some things for him, which ends up with the latter falling in love with Naseerudin's beautiful daughter.

My Tutor, on Thursday at 3.00 and 6.00 p.m., is not an educational film as one would believe and it is definitely not one for school going children to see.

It is, however, another lesson in eroticism and is therefore for

adults only.

At 9.00 p.m. on the sameday is the new year attraction *Raja*, starring Sanjay Kapoor, Madhuri Dixit and Paresh Rawal.

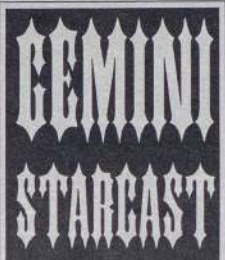
Since Sanjay Kapoor's entry into films, this is one of the few hits that he has delivered so far.

Madhuri, as usual is a delight to watch and Paresh Rawal does a fantastic job as Raja's mentally retarded older brother.

We wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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*CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 21

Your work will be duly appreciated and all your future proposals will be approved. Business will go on with a swing till Tuesday. The last three days are good.

*AQUARIUS Jan. 22 - Feb. 21

"Strike while the iron is hot" should be your policy this week. Sunday brings good news which opens up new business avenues. Make full use of them on Monday.

*PISCES Feb. 22 - March 21

A dynamic and charming personality is going to dominate all your affairs for some time. Associates will come forward with help and co-operation.

*ARIES March 22 - April 21

The unsettled atmosphere slowly recedes into the background and you regain your confidence. First clear up all domestic issues so that you can concentrate on your work.

*TAURUS April 22 - May 21

A challenging period no doubt, all the same your success is assured. Group activities blossom and you will be able to occupy a rare position within a week or two.

*GEMINI May 22 - June 21

While moving about in public, be pleasant and well turned out so that you make an impact. Favourable events career prospects. Look forward to co-operation from colleagues.

*CANCER June 22 - July 21

Forget the past and look optimistically towards the future. Build up new friendships and alliances for improving career prospects. Look forward to co-operation from colleagues.

*LEO July 22 - August 21

Plan future moves and keep a trump card up your sleeve. Mental as well as physical fatigue and weakness may force you to rest. Utilise this leisure to review the past.

*VIRGO Aug. 22 - Sept. 21

Your spouse as well as your partners are in a mood help your cause. Social and political workers must take an accommodative attitude. Inspiration comes from friends.

*LIBRA Sept. 22 - Oct. 21

The main hurdles and obstacles will be cleared and you can plan a big step forward. This is the time to make a courageous and enterprising bid to attract attention and win support.

*SCORPIO Oct. 22 - Nov. 21

Monday onwards better luck will be in sight. Financial as well as domestic problems are solved quickly. A little publicity will help catch profitable business proposals.

*SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Go after old dues on Sunday and Monday. Attend to personal matters on Friday. A small investment in agricultural pursuits will be in order. Give your home a spring cleaning.

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AFTER EMERGING second overall in the Mombasa International Show Young Farmers Judging competitions, the Aga Khan Kenya Secondary School team of Form One and Two students undertook the challenge to take on the best in Kenya during the Nairobi International Show. Out of the 25 senior schools and colleges that competed, KENSEC team emerged overall first. The successful students were from left (front row): Rupal Maru, Joan Monteiro, Mohamed Shaif, Fahim Nurmohamed, Neel Rairhatha, Samina Sharif, Samreen Khan. Back row (from left): Hamida Ittiso, Aleen Hirani, Gareth Sonon, Babar Rana, Teacher in charge Mr. J. Mascarenhas, Beinda Halwenge and Sarang Halai.

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Super Shopping At 'Twins Penny' Market Mombasa

TWINS PENNY Market, near Mombasa's Splendid Hotel, is like an Aladdin's cave full of treasure in the way of unisex beauty and hair products from leading companies in the world, many of which, as far as the Kenya coast is concerned, are only to be found there.

It offers the largest range of such products in Mombasa.

They include 'American Dream' from the USA offering 'quality care for the hair' as well as 100 per cent human hair pieces for weaving and braiding in fashionable colours, writes NETA PEAL

From other Sources come sophisticated curly wigs and a huge variety of hair pieces either human or synthetic, hair curlers, dryers and colorants.

There is an awesome array of popular brand beauty products for all types of skins at varying prices.

Just arrived are some from 'Justine' of South Africa, also 'Glamour Girl' which claims all items are manufactured following guide lines laid down by the Food and Drug Administration of the USA, which is good news.

'They not only nourish, repair and revitalise your skin but protect against harmful effects of the tropical sun'.

As well there is corporate beauty and hair care products from 'St. Ives' of the USA.

Eye-catching items include Papaya Treatment Shampoo and Conditioner, Apple Mint Clarifying Shampoo and Conditioning Rinse, as well as hair repair products which are in great demand in such climatic conditions as Mombasa.

Among its beauty products is an Apricot scrub facial treatment and a Peaches and Cream facial beauty wash.

New arrivals from the USA also include products from 'Fashion Fair' for beautiful women around the world.

They are only available at Twins Penny Market.

'Fashion Fair' was founded in 1973 in answer to the problems that women of colour had in finding shades to match their rich skin tones.

Today, it is a world leader in the field of cosmetics for all women in colour.

Among them is a 'Perfect Finish Creme Make-Up which is streakproof, perspiration resistant and available in fifteen just right shades that go on smoothly and do not make the face look made up.

LIPSTICKS

They also have a 'Perfect Finish Scuffie' make-up, as well as a big range of lipsticks.

From 'Tips and Toes' of India comes an exciting range of nail polish and matching lipsticks which are exclusive to Mombasa.

You have a great choice as there are 100 colours.

Twins Penny Market is so named after the twin brothers who run in as a family business - Arun and Atul Shah.

LOOKING for an ideal place to enjoy Christmas day?

Whitesands has come up with an event packed programme complete with wide range of delicacies to suit everybody's taste.

The five star hotel has organized a mouth watering traditional Christmas dinner in a set-up befitting the occasion with live music from the Pioneers Band to usher in the festive evening.

The day starts with a present on the breakfast table for all the hotel guests at 7.00 a.m.

This will be followed by an exercise in which guests will be

Christmas Fun!

required to test their mental calculation ability by guessing the weight of the Christmas Cake which will be placed by the Pavilion entrance.

After this there will be an inter-denomination Christmas Church Service in the Baraza hall at 10.00 a.m. followed by a mystery box at the beach bar for guests of all ages half an hour later.

For sports enthusiasts, the hotel has organized an aqua aerobics at the lower Lido starting 11.00 a.m.

before a tug of war to be held by the beach bar.

There will be live music on the beach lawns with Mombasa Roots for your lunch time entertainment starting 1.30 p.m.

There will be an equally captivating event at upper Lido dubbed 'The Monster Water Relay' at 3.30 p.m.

At 4.00 p.m., Chocolate Mille-Feuille which is the day's speciality will be served for afternoon tea at the Beach Bar followed by an

exciting volleyball contest as spectators and guests enjoy their drinks at the beach bar between 5.00 and 7.00 p.m.

Hymns, Carols and gospel songs will be sung in the lobby with St. Peter's Choir at 7.00 p.m.

This gives way to Christmas dinner with live music from the Pioneers Band at 7.30 p.m. as Father Christmas brings presents for all the children at 8 o'clock.

Those eager to sample Mombasa's vibrant nightlife will be treated to a live cabaret show at Rhythms Night Club prior to an all night long disco at the ultra modern club.

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THE KENYA Association of Tour Operators is busily planning new tourists can be best protected during the election campaign and are working in liaison with the Kenya Police on this.

Following a recent meeting of KATO, Coast, its Chairman, Karl-Heinz Straus, said:

"Our plans are on similar lines to those which proved so successful during the last General Election in 1992.

"It will involve all tour operators country wide and plans are being properly coordinated."

Adding when finalised they will be presented next week to representatives of overseas tour operators here so that their head office can be advised accordingly.

Mr. Straus also took the opportunity of welcoming the arrival of the Aircharter Airbus at Eldoret Airport on December 11, bringing here on a familiarisation trip of 210 journalists, travel agents and tour operators from France.

PROMOTION

"It's the first tangible result of a joint effort by Government, Kenya Tourist Board and the trade in visiting Europe at the end of October to promote Kenya and allay fears of it being an unsafe destination in which to spend a holiday.

Adding I am sure they will find Kenya a very unique and lovely holiday destination."

Mr. Straus was one of the team visiting Europe.

East African Wildlife Society Will Host Talks To 'Save Kenya Mangrove' Areas

THE EAST African Wild Life Society is organising a regional workshop for Eastern Africa to be held from February 3 - 6, 1998.

This workshop which will be addressing mangrove and aquaculture issues, with a lot of emphasis on shrimp aquaculture, begins the day after the 'World Wetlands Day' which will be held on the February 2, 1998.

In recent years, mangroves have been cleared and exploited at a reckless rate that is threatening this crucial ecological and socio-economic component of the coastal zone communities.

Mangroves are seen as a prized possession by local coastal communities.

They are a life support system amenable to subsistence captive fishers as well as a spawning ground for many in-shore fisheries.

Mangroves are an excellent source of building poles, fuel wood,

boat building materials, traditional medicine, preservatives for fishing nets, are a bird sanctuary and good barriers to strong tidal and flooding impacts.

Development of industrial (large scale) aquaculture projects in many part of the World (such as S.E. Asia) have proved to be unsustainable and have destroyed mangrove ecosystem.

TANA DELTA

In many instance these immense, highly mechanised schemes do not achieve community support or adequate participation.

Proposals to start the same in Eastern Africa coast particularly the Rufiji and Tana Deltas pose potential threats not only to ecological sustainability but also to social sustainability.

Eastern Africa's mangrove and aquaculture problems are relatively

new compared to Asia and Latin American.

By bringing together coastal resource manager and practitioners, research scientists, community leaders and policy makers from these parts of the World will not only provide a chance to share information and experiences then learn from them but will also strengthen international networks on campaigns and actions against industrial aquaculture development.

The ban on mangrove exportation in Kenya is very much in place.

Kenya has international obligations, through among other the Ramsar Convention (1990) that calls for protection of wetland of national and international importance and the Convention on Biological Diversity (1992) that calls for all member countries to take all measures including national

plans, policies and legislations to conserve biological diversity within its national jurisdiction, to fulfil.

The Tana and the Rufiji Deltas of Kenya and Tanzania respectively, will be some of the target areas of concern for this workshop.

In the Rufiji Delta, a prawn project has been approved which was received with mixed feelings amongst environmentalists and was opposed by some members

of the public because of its environmental impact on the rich delta.

A Government statement on the Tana Delta is still being awaited.

Recommendations of this workshop will hopefully arouse interests to take action to protect these globally important coastal zone resource and plan for the conservations of others that are facing similar threats.

SUGGESTIONS ON TOUR PROMOTING

PROMOTION AND MARKETING OF KENYA AS A TOURIST DESTINATION:

Production of German Language brochures and other marketing materials about Kenya, for use at the Trade Fairs, Exhibitions and by the Tourist Office.

Production of scenic and colourful posters showing the country's touristic features as well as its various cultures.

Direct participation of the KTB at the Trade Fairs and Exhibitions by distribution and displaying or marketing materials and brochures from individual hotels.

DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL TO DEAL WITH ISSUES ADVERSELY AFFECTING KENYA'S TOURISM INDUSTRY:

Restructuring the Kenya Tourist Offices so that they may be operated commercially by professionals under the umbrella of the KTB as contacted agents.

ESTABLISHING OF PUBLIC RELATION SERVICES TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE INDUSTRY:

Holding Press Conferences to facilitate correct information flow, and to promptly correct the often negative foreign press publicity about the events in Kenya.

Sponsoring of advertisements in trade and public media on the country's touristic features as a major Image Campaign.

Conducting workshops and seminars in co-operation with the tour operators and travel agents.

SETTING OF STANDARDS AND QUALITY OF FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO TOURISTS:

The KTB should set basic standards of practise for hotels and tour operators. These standards ought to be reviewed periodically so as to keep them in tune with the every changing clients and industry demands.

The KTB should set criteria for approval of various industry project activities be it hotel construction, tour operators vehicles, licensing hotel, etc.

CREATING AN 'ENABLING ENVIRONMENT' FOR THE INDUSTRY TO DEVELOP:

The Government of Kenya should strive for the registration of taxes that are investor friendly.

For instance, to facilitate major renovations by hotels should not be taxed.

VAT as its present high level, and given the method used to administer it has a very negative impact on the tourism business. Airport tax charges should be reduced.

The Government look into the deteriorating state of major tourist cities like Nairobi and Mombasa.

INFRASTRUCTURE:

The Government needs to make more serious commitments on the improvement of infrastructure, that is, better roads, adequate fresh water supply, uninterrupted supply of electricity, reliable telephone services, safer railways transport, and the construction of the much awaited by pass road to the South Coast.

CUSTOMS / IMMIGRATION:

Staff to be trained in proper customer care and proper handling of arriving / departing tourists.

SECURITY - SECURITY:

All above is irrelevant if the Security can not be Guaranteed by the Government of Kenya.

- Coast Hotelier.

GREETINGS FROM LONDON

I AM WRITING to congratulate all of you at Coastweek for your beautiful weekly magazine.

It encouraging that there are men and women within Kenya who are keen on positive developments in the country.

It is often easy for people to forget that negative rhetoric and empty criticism never builds a country.

It is optimism for the future, vision and informed decision making and of course honest implementation of projects that do.

All over Kenya resources abound.

What we have failed to do is to identify and support those sectors which, though having underlying comparative advantage, have been neglected and are reeling from under-investment.

I have in mind mainly

agriculture and tourism.

Here again Kenya should identify which sub-sectors and where they can be promoted.

I worked at the Coast for a

hoped to promote?

Was it 'upmarket' or 'mass' tourism?, 'marketed' tourism or 'nature driven'?

Finally, among critical inputs that should however be provided is functional infrastructure (mainly roads, telecoms, railway system, electricity, water and drainage).

It is not difficult nowadays to work out a framework for private sector investment in infrastructure!

It is no longer the public good it used to be.

This to me is the way forward into the next century.

Kennedy Timothy Kimathi Gitonga, Wye College, University of London, U.K.
<mae97kg@wye.ac.uk>



few months in 1993 and I could see a lot of potential for flowers and fruits (remember Coast is high energy area).

I was not sure however that tourism has had any 'identity' - i.e. what kind tourism had we

Coopers And Lybrand And Price Waterhouse To Merge Practices

THE GLOBAL PARTNERS of Coopers and Lybrand and Price Waterhouse have overwhelmingly approved plans to merge their practices worldwide.

Completion of the transaction now requires clearance from various regulatory authorities around the world.

In a statement, Nicholas G. Moore, chairman of Cooper and Lybrand International, and James J. Schiro, CEO of Price Waterhouse, said:

"We are extremely gratified by this tremendous show of support by our firms' partners around the globe.

"From the beginning we have said that the benefits clients will derive from this merger are a compelling rationale and one that our partners would understand and support wholeheartedly."

Moore and Schiro, Chairman-designate and CEO-designate respectively of the combined organization, added:

"Our shared vision of creating the pre-eminent global professional services organizations is now one important step closer to completion.

"Our task now is secure the needed regulatory clearances, complete the transaction, and move quickly to integrate fully our two global organizations.

The new organization will have an unprecedented ability to provide services to global, national and local companies in market worldwide and the single-minded commitment to helping our clients formulate and implement strategic solutions which drive growth and improve business performance," Moore and Schiro said.

LEARNING ART OF 'PUBLIC RELATIONS' FROM EGYPT ?

IN VIEW OF THE RECENT 'slump' in Kenya tourism following the disturbances at the Coast, it is salutary to learn how the Egyptian Government recently handled their tourism problems (and perhaps compare reactions of the Kenya Government and the Kenya Tourist Board ?)

The following was sent to a Coast hotelier by a British tour operator from London and outlines the 'immediate reaction' (within hours) from Cairo to the unfortunate violence there:

- CANCELLATION OF entry Visas fees in all accessibility points for a period of three months.
- EGYPTIAN Embassies and Consulates were instructed by the Foreign Ministry to start implementation starting the 1st of December 1997.
- A REDUCTION of 50 per cent on Egypt Air's domestic flights throughout all Egyptian Airports for a period of three months for tourists.
- CHARTER flights landing at

all Egyptian Airports are to be exempted from Landing, Parking and Housing Fees and also charges of Air Navigational Aids services due for landing only for a period of three months starting 1st of December 1997.

• GROUND handling charges provided to charter aircraft landing in Egyptian airport are to be reduced by 50 per cent for a period of three months starting 1st of December.

A widely disseminated official statement from the Egyptian

Government to Foreign Embassies and tour firms noted:

"We sincerely hope that these new actions will help increase the current number of tourists to Egypt and will further help you to reduce losses and enhance sales.

"On the other hand we shall always back you up all the way to overcome this temporary situation."

The statement concluded:

"In the mean time rest assured of our highest consideration."

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ABN AMRO Bank Mombasa Management together with their gracious ladies - all in African attire at their weekend at Indian Ocean Beach Club. Seen from left Miss Pauline Oviya, Miss Nabila Mazrui, Mr. P. Kitti, Miss Saidha Al Afif, Mr. S. M. R. Dayaia, Mrs. B. R. Patalia, Miss B. Ndurya, Mrs. E. Mwaluda, Mrs. V. Muli, Mr. C. A. P. Malai, Mrs. A. Sailm, Ms. Nancy Kiburi.



THE LIONS CLUB OF MOMBASA CENTRAL

LIONS CLUB of Mombasa Central performed an Eye Camp at Galana Hospital in Malindi where ten cataract operations and many dental extractions were carried out. Lion Himat Soni (left) and Lion Dr. Kamal Bhandari are seen prescribing medications to one of the patients screened during the camp.



LADIES SECTION seen with orphans from various needy Homes after the lunch and presentations.

ISTRI SABHA HOST SUMPTUOUS LUNCH

IN ORDER to help the less fortunate members of the society, Istri Sabha - (Ladies Section of Siri Guru Singh Sabha Mombasa) hosted sumptuous lunch for 200 needy children from different needy institutions to commemorate the martyrdom day of Siri Guru Tegh Bahadari, the 9th Guru of the Sikhs.

The less fortunate members of the society represented Alternate Mothers Home, Mji Wa Salaama, Mombasa Childrens Home and Saints of Abraham.

After lunch each child was presented with a gift of a bedsheet, shirt, a plate, mug and a packet of sweets.

Mrs. Jaspal Kalsi, the chairlady,

presented bundles of Maizemeal, cooking oil, bags of sugar and other food stuff of each home and wished all the children Merry X-Mas and a very Happy New Year.

She thanked everyone for the donations and in particular Mr. Kuldeep Singh Oberoi and Mr. and Mrs. Vindli Oberoi for organizing free transport for the children.

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JOE BRUNLEHNER, Managing Director, Diani Homes seen receiving key to the handsome front door of the Lamu Palace Hotel from its former owner Pius Gmuier (left). Also seen are Frank H. Neugebauer, Group General Manager, Diani Homes/ Romantic Hotels and the Palace's General Manager, Hussein Sangoyan Mohamed.

New Owner And Big Investment At World Famous 'Lamu Palace Hotel'

FROM FRONT PAGE

narrow streets, has only three vehicles, but hundreds of donkeys who act as 'casual labourers' in transporting goods from dhows to the town.

Lamu was once a very wealthy commercial centre trading with the Middle and Far East.

During its 'Golden Age' from the 13th century beautiful homes were built and richly furnished.

It was reported in the 'Pate Chronicle' during that time that ladies ascended to their tall beds on ladders of silver!

Joe Brunlehner, Managing Director, Diani Homes, the new owner of the Lamu Palace Hotel is not only an architect and developer par excellence but a fervent supporter of the promotion of Swahili culture.

Chale Island Paradise and the beautiful homes he has built at Diani are filled with exotic decoratively carved Swahili furniture their origin being in the Lamu Archipelago during its 'Golden Age'.

Joe has collected many pieces which he has either repaired or reproduced.

He also has many collector's pieces which adorn all his properties.

Joe has south the advice of Swahili Cultural Centres at Mombasa and Lamu which are training young people in these ancient crafts so that they are promoted and do not disappear which they were in danger of doing.

He has also placed orders with them.

Both hotels - Chale Island Paradise and the New Palace Hotel are owned by Diani Homes and managed by a daughter company, Romantic Hotels. Frank H. Neugebauer, Group General Manager being responsible for operations and marketing.

Further developments are in the pipeline - one being a Club on Manda Island's beautiful white-sand beach.

The Lamu Palace Hotel was originally a development of Pius Gmuier who, for many years, was General Manager of Mombasa's famous Castle Hotel on Moi Avenue.

He retired in 1989 to build his own hotel and was later joined by two partners, Freddie Schumacher, Managing Director, Private Safaris and Mohamed Shaly.

The hotel was designed by the well-known firm of architects, Trzebinski, Gaal and Associates who have been greatly influenced by the Swahili style of architecture during Lamu's 'Golden Age'.

On Sunday (December 21) at a small ceremony, Pius handed over the hotel keys to Joe Brunlehner, the new owner and wished him every success.

The three storeyed hotel has been completely renovated and its romantic ambience enhanced.

It has also worked out a new system of water drainage - which Joe has labelled a 'self cleaning system'.

There are twenty-two rooms (44 beds) all en-suite, air-conditioned and with fans and piped music.

They include three VIP suites each with two bedrooms and a huge exotically carved four poster Swahili bed (which could sleep four!) draped by silver streaked lace mosquito net.

All rooms are furnished in an upper class Swahili style and include many beautiful antiques.

Beds have reading lights instead of bedside lamps.

On each floor a large open-fronted lounge, furnished Swahili style, overlooking the sea.

The hotel also boasts a tropical roof garden, a part of which is covered.

There are comfy sunbeds for sun-worshippers also well cushioned Swahili beds on which to relax interspersed with tropical trees and plants.

MOORISH LANTERN

Shower facilities are available there, also a telephone from which food and drink can be ordered.

The unique floor mats come from Matondeni.

Added to the hotel frontage is a Coffee Terrace illuminated at night by Moorish style lanterns.

It is right on the busy quayside overlooking the dhows and has separate sections for men and women.

Only non-alcoholic drinks are served there, while at one end is a small traditional sailing craft selling Italian ice cream from Malindi.

Just behind is an open-fronted Lounge Terrace again furnished in

in the shape of a turtle.

It has a Vidaka (shelf) in the centre on which reposes a traditional brass Arab Coffee pot.

The Swahili influence in furnishing and decor continue in the restaurant which has an indoor garden and a young parrot in an outside cage.

One wall is adorned with an interesting collection of Dutch plates and another with African combs.

The restaurant specialises in seafood, while also catering for carnivores and vegetarians.

From Lamu come huge crabs and lobsters and the chefs are well versed in their excellent preparation.

The menu includes fresh or baked oysters, deep fried crab claws, whole ginger crab, pepper and Madagascar steaks, spare ribs and vegetarian cuisine.

COURTYARD

At the back of the restaurant is a courtyard in which is a makuti roofed and banda style Fisherman's Bar.

It seats some fifty people and is surrounded by colourful plants and trees.

A snack menu is available there as well as on the Lounge Terrace.

The hotel's General Manager, Hussein Sangoyan Mohamed, has had twenty-five years experience in the hotel and catering industry.

Eighteen were with Africa Safari Club where he received in-house training, then becoming Restaurant Manager, Palm Tree Restaurant, Coral Beach Hotel.

This was followed by two years as a chef on a Deutsche Africa Line cargo ship sailing to many parts of the world, particularly to the Far East.

He has also worked as Restaurant Manager at Nyali Beach Hotel and until his transfer to the Lamu Palace Hotel was Restaurant Manager, Chale Island Paradise.

Of interest is the fact that this grandfather, Juma, once worked for Karen Blixen (Isak Dinesen) author of 'Out of Africa' and one of Kenya's pioneers.

Mohamed's emphasis is on staff training and enhancing the romantic ambience of the Palace.

The hotel has its own eighteen seater speed boat for excursion to historic Pate and Manda Islands.

In addition, there is a large dhow for relaxing sea safaris for guests.

It has its own Tour/ Dhow organiser, Abdalla Sultan, popularly known as 'Abdalla Bob' as well as its own donkey and cart to carry luggage and small guests from the jetty to the hotel.

Abdalla was born in Shella, and grew up in Lamu.

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Darunter war Said Juma, ein Gärtner, der 1959 ins Jadini kam, als das Hotel noch der Familie Trench gehörte.

Ursprünglich gab es damals in makutiabedeckten Häuschen, umgeben vom Küstenuwald, in dem Leoparden herumstreichten.

Es gab nur noch zwei andere Hotels in Diani, das "Trade Winds" und das "Two Fishes".

Jadini wurde 1968 von der Alliance Hotels Gruppe gekauft.

Es war ein solcher Erfolg, daß bald darauf zwei neue Hotels gebaut wurden: die Africana Sea Lodge und das Safari Beach Hotel.

Die Hotellerie an der Südküste expandierte und florierte, als viele



RAYMOND MATIBA, Chief Executive Officer, Alliance Hotels (rechts), und Timothy Kagambi, Group Operations Manager (links), wünschen den drei der 14 ausscheidenden Angestellten, die am längsten im Dienst standen, alles Gute im Ruhestand: v.l.n.r. Kitsao Kambi (33 Dienstjahre); Rashidi Mwakutanza (27 Dienstjahre); Said Juma (38 Dienstjahre).

andere Investoren weitere Hotels an diesem wunderschönen Küstenstreifen errichteten.

Juma Said sagte, er freute sich sehr über die erfolgreiche Entwicklung der Hotelindustrie, wodurch viele Arbeitsplätze für die lokale Bevölkerung geschaffen wurden.

Andere langjährige Angestellte waren Kitsao Kambi, Gärtner, mit 33 Dienstjahren und Rashidi Mwakutanza, Gärtner, mit 27 Dienstjahren.

Im Namen des Präsidenten von Alliance Hotels, Kenneth Matiba, der Direktoren und des Managements dankte Raymond Matiba, Chief Executive Officer, den ausscheidenden Angestellten für ihre treuen Dienste und wünschte ihnen alles Gute für ihren Lebensabend.

"Wenn es mit der Tourismusindustrie an der Küste wieder aufwärts geht, werden wir das feiern und Euch dazu einladen."

sagte er.

Die meisten der ausscheidenden Angestellten besitzen ein Stück Land, und wegendes starken Rückganges des Tourismus sind einige frühzeitig in den Ruhestand getreten.

Sie beabsichtigen, die Abfindungssumme zur Bestellung ihrer Felder zu verwenden, die bei dem derzeitigen Regenwetter eine gute Ernte bringen sollten.

Für Agrarerzeugnisse besteht immer eine große Nachfrage, wenn sie von guter Qualität sind.

Die Alliance Hotels benötigen für ihre Gäste viele frische Produkte, die sie auch von früheren Angestellten kaufen und ihnen auf diese Weise zu Einnahmen für ihren Lebensunterhalt verhelfen.

Ein Koch, der ebenfalls abschied, sagte: "Ich werde mich darauf konzentrieren, erstklassige Wassermelonen anzupflanzen,

denn ich weiß, daß die Alliance Hotels diese immer brauchen können."

Said Juma bemerkte stolz zu Raymond Matiba: "Ich habe immer gerne hier gearbeitet, ich habe nie einen Verwarnungsbrief erhalten und auch bei der Arbeit nie Streit gehabt."

Wie er weiter erklärte, hat er nie eine Schule besucht. Nach dem Tod seines Vaters hatte seine Mutter kein Geld, um ihn in die Schule zu schicken.

Alle ausscheidenden Angestellten bedankten sich mit einem aufrichtigen "Asante Sana" bei Alliance Hotels.

"Wir waren alle glücklich hier und deshalb sind wir so lange geblieben," sagte ihr Sprecher.

Vor einem Monat wurde für 12 Angestellte vom Jadini Beach Hotel, von der Africana Sea Lodge und vom Safari Beach Hotel von Alliance Hotels eine gleichartige Party arrangiert, um ihnen für ihre langjährigen guten Dienste (insgesamt 200 Jahre) zu danken.

Mario Santi zum 5. Mal in Nyali

DER bekannte Schweizer Fernsehjournalist Mario Santi beschreibt Kenia als eines der besten Länder, trotz aller negativen Berichte, die kürzlich über europäische Fernsehsender erschienen.

Herr Santi, der zu einem Personalfest im Nyali Beach Hotel als Ehrengast eingeladen war, sagte:

"In den westlichen Medien wurden die kürzlichen Unruhen an der kenianischen Küste maßlos übertrieben, was viele europäische Touristen veranlaßte, ihren geplanten Urlaub in Kenia abzusagen."

Der Schweizer Journalist, der sich auf seinem 57. Besuch im Nyali Beach Hotel befand, versprach, die Leute zu Hause über den wahren Sachverhalt zu informieren, nachdem er sich selbst davon überzeugen konnte, daß man in Kenia nach wie vor einen ungestörten, friedlichen Urlaub verbringen kann.

WINTERSAISON

Er ist der Ansicht, daß das Kenya Tourist Board und die Tourismusverbände alles versuchen sollten, um die Touristen in dieser Wintersaison wieder zurückzugewinnen.

Mr. John Mutua, Regional Manager von Block Hotels, Küste, beschrieb in seiner Ansprache an das Personal Herrn Santi als einen treuen Stammgast, der volles Vertrauen in Kenia hat und sich von negativen Berichten nicht beirren ließ.

Er bat Herrn Santi, seine Fernsehzuschauer über die Lage in Kenia aufzuklären und die Negativschlagzeilen richtigzustellen.

Martina Navratilova an der kenianischen Küste

DIE IN DEN USA wohnhafte frühere Tennisweltmeisterin Martina Navratilova hat erstmals Afrika besucht und wohnte im Indian Ocean Beach Club von Block Hotels an der kenianischen Südküste.

Sie verbrachte drei Tage in diesem luxuriösen Strandhotel in Begleitung ihrer Freundin Alexandria.

Sie gilt als die beste Tennisspielerin des 20. Jahrhunderts und hat ihre zwanzigjährige Karriere in den USA 1994 beendet.

Die 42jährige Tennisspielerin begann mit diesem Sport im Alter von fünf Jahren in ihrer Heimat, der früheren Tschechoslowakei.



MARTINA NAVRATILOVA wird bei ihrer Ankunft im Indian Ocean Beach Club von Wanjiru Kombe, Sales Manager, herzlich begrüßt.

Ihr Interesse wurde geweckt, als sie ihren Eltern und Großeltern in der Heimat beim Tennisspielen zusah und sie befaßte sich damit ernsthaft, nachdem sie 1975 in Amerika um Asyl ersucht hatte.

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Ihr befriedigendster Sieg war ihrer Ansicht nach, als sie gegen ihre Mutter gewann.

1973, im Alter von 16 Jahren, wurde sie "Profi" und verdankt ihre erfolgreiche Karriere zu einem großen Teil der unermüdlichen Unterstützung ihres Vaters.

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Gegenwärtig ist sie damit beschäftigt, für das Fernsehen zu arbeiten und Bücher zu schreiben, das sie sich noch nicht entschieden hat, wie sie ihre Zukunft gestalten will.

Sie erzählte Coastweek, daß sie ihre anstrengendsten Wochen 1991 erlebte, als sie im U.S. Open Women's Final gegen die Jugoslawin Monica Seles verlor.

Auf den vielen Reisen während ihrer zwanzigjährigen Karriere hatte Martina Navratilova nur wenig Zeit, um die Welt kennenzulernen und hat deshalb beschlossen, dies nachzuholen.

Sie will sich nun ausruhen und viel Zeit mit der Familie und mit Freunden verbringen.

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Sie erklärte, daß sie nach einem Leben im Rampenlicht mit Ruhm und Anerkennung nun ein ruhigeres Leben führen möchte.

Die frühere Berufstennisspielerin hat ihre Karriere 1994 aufgegeben, nahm jedoch im November an einem Turnier in den USA teil, aber nur aus Spaß, wie sie sagte.

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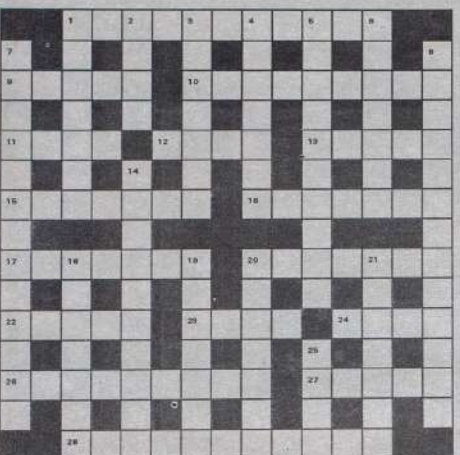
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CROSSWORD NO. 515

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ACROSS:

- On hand, one hears, for the greedy [7, 4]
- Smith's contribution to the listener [5]
- Lone figure capable of staying off an aerial invasion [9]
- Mrs. Wheeler Wilcox, to her friends [4]
- Degree and decoration for a musical genius [4]
- Ha-ha, he has a hand in the spoils! [5]
- Owing to one who'll never recover [3, 4]
- Responsible person though not in a laudable sense [7]
- In which you may see a slinky creature going around with nothing on [7]
- Suitable perquisite for a vegetarian tailor [7]
- Birds to pick off [5]
- A timely palindrome [4]
- Did nothing and fell in love with Aeneas [4]
- Centre of things afloat [9]
- Cut for Ayesha turned artist [5]
- They often exceed the speed limit, but are still within the law [6, 5]

DOWN:

- Patient having no legal claim? [7]
- One of our oldest inhabitants [4]
- The present month is so described [7]
- Vivid in delineation [7]
- The golf champion is quite a card [3, 2, 5]
- Mr. Raine's occupation [7]
- Retire in the way hansomcabbies did [4, 1, 4, 4]
- To win handsomely might cause a dust-up among the directors [5, 3, 5]
- Sally's free (anag.) [10]
- About to be sick he takes a blow [7]
- Rigidity in stone [7]
- Rich as _____, as the saying goes [7]
- It's so sweet, I see, and round [7]
- He sold his birthright for a mess of pottage [4]

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD NO. 514

ACROSS: 1. FRANTIC, 5. PARASOL, 9. COPSE, 10. FIRM OFFER, 11. SUCCESSOR, 13. 14. ENOCH ARDEN, 16. SHORTHAND, 17. GONE TO POT, 18. TEETH, 20. SPELL, 21. YESTERDAY, 24. ORIGINATE, 26. PATTI, 27. TONIGHT, 28. NETWORK.
DOWN: 1. FUCHSIA, 2. ASPIC, 3. THERE'S NO TELLING, 4. CUFFS, 5. PAR, 6. ROOTED TO THE SPOT, 7. SUFFOCATE, 8. LURCHED, 12. ROOST, 15. DANDELION, 16. SEPOY, 17. GOSPORT, 19. HAYRICK, 22. STERN, 23. DITTO, 25. APT.

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ACROSS:

- Type of meat coming from a pig ... ? (3)
- An interesting way to sea tea ? (4)
- It is very good when placed on roads ... ? (3)
- How to describe a lyric poem ... ? (3)
- To 'inflate', 'cram in' or 'replenish' ? (4)
- A short word that rhymes with 'kid' ... ? (3)

DOWN:

- This can happen under your collar ... ? (3)
- A famous Russian space ship... ? (3)
- To 'repair', 'restore' or 'fix' something ? (4)
- Very dry place, with little water ? (4)
- Aged, not new: the opposite of young ... ? (3)
- To 'finish' or 'close', especially a film ... ? (3)

LAST WEEK'S KRAZY CROSSWORD KLUES:

Across - 1. RUN, 4. ACID, 5. MUG, 7. ADD, 8. TEAR, 10. MUD.
Down - 1. RIM, 2. NAG, 3. MIND, 6. USED, 7. ARM, 8. DUO.

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Speedy Lasers Take First Three Places With Uncharacteristically Light Winds

WITH ALL the youngsters away at the Kenya Yachting Association's Cadet Camp at Naivasha there were only eight entries for the Third Monthly Mug race held on December 17.

Of those only four finished after the wind died away slowly throughout the race.

Lasers took the first three places with Sha Khan who is really enjoying the uncharacteristically light winds take first place.

Second was *Equaliser* sailed by Self Patwa, third *Foxy Loxy* Kadir Khan and fourth was the only *Osprey Meteorite* sailed by Kalim Hassanali and Gary Morgan.

The Bosuns sailed by Phil Jones and Francis Marks, Aslam Kasmani and Michelle Bellon, and Reshma Khan and Seema Shah really suffered from the lack of wind and all three retired along with Mariam Hassanali sailing *Top Pair*.

However spirits were then raised by the annual Christmas Dinner

prepared largely by Sue Macpherson.

The Cadets returned from Naivasha by a Farways Safaris bus carefully driven by Juma on Saturday, December 20, but the 12 hour journey, lack of sun and wind and excess of rain was made worthwhile by the great deal of fun had by all, afloat and on shore.

The camp organised by Cilla White of Nairobi gave the Coast children the opportunity to improve their racing skills together with the Naivasha Yacht Club Cadets.

Some beginners also attended learning to sail in Lasers and will hopefully try their hand in Toppers at the Mombasa Yacht Club.

Older sailors had better beware as the children have returned with their racing skills sharpened up.

Marilyn Barnes, who had

travelled with and helped to instruct the Cadets in Naivasha was obviously pleased to be back at the Coast taking first place in the Mitchell Cup pursuit race held on Sunday, December 21.

In moderate winds she was lucky to tackle the one obstacle on the course - Crane Buoy which was lying in the lee of the land producing fluke winds - without incident.

She passed the boats ahead of her and sailed on to a clear win.

Second was Self Patwa in *Equaliser*, third Andy Burnard in *Nyekundu*, while Sha Khan in *Naughty Potato* sailed himself into fourth place after having to take a penalty at Green Cable Buoy after an incident with *Nyekundu*.

Fifth was Kadir Khan in *Foxy Loxy*, the first Laser off in this back to front race, kept ahead of the fleet until he missed Likoni Buoy

on the way back into the harbor and had to sail back to it, losing his valuable minutes.

He remained ahead for further buoys before being caught up.

In fifth place was Michael Heinemann visiting from Nigeria sailing the only Bosun *Armilli* which was crewed by Reshma Khan who we unfortunately have to say goodbyes to for a while as she is off to U.K. to work and study.

We wish her every success as she will keep up the sailing in the U.K.

The Cadets were all too tired to sail but we hope to see them turn out for the Cadet Trophy to be sailed on Saturday, December 27 after it had to be cancelled three weeks earlier due to poor weather.

Members of M.Y.C. wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and anyone wishing to join in the Yacht Club New Year's Eve party should sign up before Saturday, December 27.



MOMBASA YACHT CLUB Cadets seen participating in races in Lasers on Lake Naivasha during their successful KYA Cadet Camp.

Plenty Of New Coast Talent Shown During UAP Provincial Insurance Squash Tournament

FOR THE fifth consecutive year UAP Provincial Insurance have sponsored this tournament.

Thanks go to Mr. Mike Owen Burke who tirelessly supports squash and junior squash and junior squash especially.

He flew down especially to watch the finals, present the prizes and socialize with the players during refreshments all generously supplied by the Sponsors.

This year we had 51 entries as opposed to over 100 last year. John Mulwa and Mrs. Juma brought down 20 players from Nairobi a lot fewer from last year but many had done on holiday or were reluctant to travel.

However five events were played with some quality matches and some entertaining matches like Alex Horsey playing Stefano Francesconi!

Nyali Golf and Country Club hosted the event once again and prize giving took place at the pool area.

The youngest age group was the 10 years and under.

Here we have a lot of talent.

Christian Vitulli, Hartaj Sur, Ross Cork and Ganeen Giddi reached the semi finals.

Christian and Ganeen went comfortably through to meet in the finals where the young Nairobi player Ganeen beat our Mombasa no. 12/11.

In the plate event we had Barry Cork, Malvi and Mathew went on to meet in the finals where Mathew

playing some very nice squash won the trophy.

We only had 3 girls to play in the under 14 event, so they played a round robin.

Girls where are you??

Pooja Shah came first, Marian Nakolo second and Georgia Smyth third.

All the 16 boys in this event came from the Coast and we missed the hot competition from Nairobi.

Stephen Coppinger, Jishit Rajani, Avtar Sur and Michael

Coppinger reached the semi finals with Stephen and Michael going through to the finals.

Michael tried hard to give his brother a hard time but Stephen went on to win 3/0.

In the plate event Melvin Asige, Saleem Saad, Tanveer Diamond and Alex Horsey made it to the semi finals.

Melvin and Tanveer met in the final where Tanveer took the trophy.

Again we only had 5 girls in the

Under 14 age group.

Nancy won the event she beat Nandhira both Nairobi girls.

In the 14 years event there were players from over half from Nairobi.

The top seed Vishal Shah Nairobi went through to the final where he met Sant from Nairobi.

Alex Horsey also from Nairobi had to wait until the final where he met St. Ignace.

Colin beat Sant but Arjie from Nairobi beat Vishal 3/0.

In the 16 years event Jas. Giddey, Ganeen Shah, Giren Rajani and Ganeen Hussein reached the semi finals.

Jas. Giddey and Azeem played the final where Azeem won 3/0.

In the 18 years event the top seed succumbed to the flu but our disappointment was that our top seed Dick ver took down to bring the turn to a happy and successful conclusion.

Mike Owen Burke was supported by the UAP representative Mr. Kamau Muigwa who was very helpful in organizing the tournament.

Mrs. Ganeen presented the prizes to the winners, organizers and staff even more UAP T-shirts and next year we hope to see the occasion with even more players.



ENTRANTS and organisers seen during the very popular and hotly contested annual UAP Coast Squash Tournament.

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Let The Motorist Vote With His Steering Wheel!

SOME of the work done by the road repair men has been good and led to better driving... well for some anyway.

Recently we said that repairs to the roads cannot be considered complete without the installation of the traffic warning and guiding signs.

Without these things the law enforcement officers cannot operate.

There is no warning sign telling drivers arriving in Mombasa from any direction about where the speed limits start or end or what their values are.

There is no warning of dangers on the road.

Lines are not painted to delineate traffic lanes on roads.

One hopes that common sense will prevail in the minds of drivers but that is not an easy thing.

Driving being what it is in Kenya, one only wants to get from one point to another as quickly as possible and without due regard to the law if they can get away with it.

And get away they can.

How can a cop stop one and say that they are driving above the speed limit as they approach a town when there is nothing to define where it starts?

Perhaps that explains the disappearance of the famous speed gun from our roads, but at what cost?

We recently saw an appeal by some of the hoteliers, tour operators and worried residents in the North Coast covering the abuse of the road by the Malindi bound buses.

There used to be a 50 K.P.H. sign somewhere along the stretch of road within which one would legitimately expect drivers to drive at the given limit.

That is no longer there.

The police sign that used to warn about a speed check is slowly rotting away and soon that will be gone as well.

Parking and 'No Parking' signs and notices are few and far

between hence one is not sure about when to do what.

We notice that the enthusiastic car towing teams that were active in town in the recent past are no longer working.

Is it perhaps because they could not win in litigation since they



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currently stalled.

This was done before the rains caught up with the repair men and could thus be completed.

The completed tar has allowed vehicles to travel at higher speeds.

It has also diverted a lot more vehicles from other roads since it is now a better road.

However, one roundabout has become an accident coloured spot as a result of this development.

The roundabout is the one that allows drivers to turn off into Lantana road from Links road.

(For those who are not Nyali buffs, it is the second roundabout from either the BP petrol station end or the Mamba village roundabout).

It seems that some drivers approaching this roundabout from the Mamba village end momentarily lose sight of the roundabout and end up continuing the demolition derby that has started in the place.

Some good Samaritans put up a temporary warning sign but it seems that this also becomes momentarily invisible to some people.

The point here is that had the Council completed their work and put all the lane division lines on the road, repainted all the roundabouts with reflective paints and so forth, the drivers would have had a better chance of avoiding the hazards now created... admittedly by the higher speeds now possible.

Even without repairing and painting the roundabouts, simply putting up sturdy 'retro' reflective signs to warn drivers of roundabouts especially at night would have been a help.

It would have saved at least ten of the accidents that have happened on this spot over the last three months since the road was repaired.

With this 'success' rate at creating hazards, one wonders what more could happen.

The residents along the road decided that they would also do their bit to make the road look more attractive (and in the process also avoid having kiosks built along

their frontage).

This was all O.K. except for the fact that the new flower beds and borders have now restricted the natural drainage of water resulting in big pools of water on the road at the slightest downpour.

This presents a hazard to road users who now tend to drive that much faster.

They could end up going off the road when they hit the water puddle especially at night.

The kerbs being put up by those protecting their frontage will make the incident worse as the kerbs will now cause the vehicles more damage and instability.

For the next few days and into election time, let us remember that

the roads around the country are going to have more lunatics than normal.

They will also have more people who are strangers to those stretches as people travel to other parts to celebrate their Christmas and cast their vote.

The lunatics and strangers who are not familiar with where there are pot craters and mini lakes are bound to react violently when they encounter them.

The outcome will be unpredictable.

Have a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

As Kachumbari says, let the motorist vote with his steering wheel!

BON COZZO CUP FINALS

A LARGE crowd of football fans are expected to converge on Mombasa Sports Club's ground on Saturday, 27th December, to see the final game of the Bon-Cozzo Cup, writes DJW.

This year's finalists are hosts Mombasa Sports Club and local rivals Ganjoni Young Stars, who are sure to bring a huge number of supporters.

Apart from one postponement due to rain, the tournament has run smoothly and produced many exciting games.

In the first semi-final Ganjoni worked hard to beat a strong Burnley Amateurs side 1-0, in a final game.

Mombasa Sports Club were lucky to beat the young future generation team in the quarter

finals.

The speedy youngsters ran rings round the hosts in the last twenty minutes, hit the post and had shots cleared off the line.

After a full time draw, Sports Club went through as penalties.

In their semi-finals, Sports Club took on Bayern and held a 1-0 half time lead with a goal by Shekue.

Keeper Peter Kafusa saved a penalty, but Bayern equalized after a melee in front of goal, through Twahir Abdulla.

Midway through the second half, Kaitamo lobbed a goal for sports Club and although Bayern put on a lot of pressure, they missed several chances, the result being 2-1.

Organizer Hatim Bana forecasts a closely contested final after which they trophies will be given.

TIDE TABLES

MOMBASA, Dec 26, 1997 - Jan 01, 1998

FRIDAY High Water - 3.0 m. at 01.50 hrs. (1.50 a.m.) and 2.4 m. at 14.20 hrs. (2.20 p.m.). Low Water - 0.9 m. at 09.17 hrs. (8.17 a.m.) and 0.9 m. at 20.06 hrs. (8.06 p.m.).

SATURDAY High Water - 3.0 m. at 02.33 hrs. (2.33 a.m.) and 2.8 m. at 15.05 hrs. (3.05 p.m.). Low Water - 0.7 m. at 08.57 hrs. (8.57 a.m.) and 0.7 m. at 20.48 hrs. (8.48 p.m.).

SUNDAY High Water - 3.2 m. at 03.12 hrs. (3.12 a.m.) and 2.7 m. at 15.44 hrs. (3.44 p.m.). Low Water - 0.5 m. at 09.34 hrs. (9.34 a.m.) and 0.6 m. at 21.26 hrs. (9.26 p.m.).

MONDAY High Water - 3.4 m. at 03.49 hrs. (3.49 a.m.) and 2.9 m. at 16.20 hrs. (4.20 p.m.). Low Water - 0.3 m. at 10.10 hrs. (10.10 a.m.) and 0.4 m. at 22.03 hrs. (10.03 p.m.).

TUESDAY High Water - 3.5 m. at 04.26 hrs. (4.26 a.m.) and 3.0 m. at 16.56 hrs. (4.56 p.m.). Low Water - 0.2 m. at 10.46 hrs. (10.46 a.m.) and 0.3 m. at 22.41 hrs. (10.41 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY High Water - 3.6 m. at 05.02 hrs. (5.02 a.m.) and 3.1 m. at 17.32 hrs. (5.32 p.m.). Low Water - 0.1 m. at 11.22 hrs. (11.22 a.m.) and 0.3 m. at 23.19 hrs. (23.19 p.m.).

THURSDAY High Water - 3.6 m. at 05.39 hrs. (5.39 a.m.) and 0.1 m. at 11.59 hrs. (11.59 p.m.). Low Water - 3.1 m. at 18.10 hrs. (6.10 a.m.) and 0.4 m. at 24.00 hrs. (12.00 p.m.).

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